

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The newspaper/broadcast

cross-ownership cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

The dissemination of information is critical to our way of life. Thus, limiting access to information outlets is a potential hazard; and it is akin to suggesting the first amendment rights of conglomerates trump those of ordinary citizens.